Response to *Social Mobility in America: Repairing the rungs on the ladder* from The Economist, February 9, 2013

1. Define meritocracy
2. According to the author, what is the reason for the rising inequality of opportunity in America?
3. According to the author, what is the remedy?
4. Is the U.S. a meritocracy? What do you think?
5. What is the role of education in “leveling the playing field”? What do you think it should be?
6. Does higher education have an obligation to make access to education fairer?